

Preliminary Amendment  
Serial No.: 10/790,644  
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**REMARKS**

**Pending and Canceled Claims**

By way of the above amendments, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, and 31 and dependent claims 3-4, 6 and 8-9. Applicant has canceled dependent claims 2, 5, 11, 14, 19, 32, 35 and 41. New claims 43-56 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20-31, 33-34, 36-40 and 42-56 are pending in the current application.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and completed PTO-1449 form. The citation of information in the IDS does not constitute an admission of priority or that any cited item is available as a reference, or a waiver of any right the Applicants may have under applicable statutes, Rules of Practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-styled patent application, as amended, is in condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.3542.

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